

## THE VALUE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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#### **BUSINESS LOCATION TRENDS**

Local Partner with Vision and Economic Stability

Conflicted Business Environment: Recession vs. Need to Position = Schizophrenic Timeframes for Decisions

Consultant Usage & Anonymous Evaluations

Higher Education & Stakeholder Partnerships for Solutions

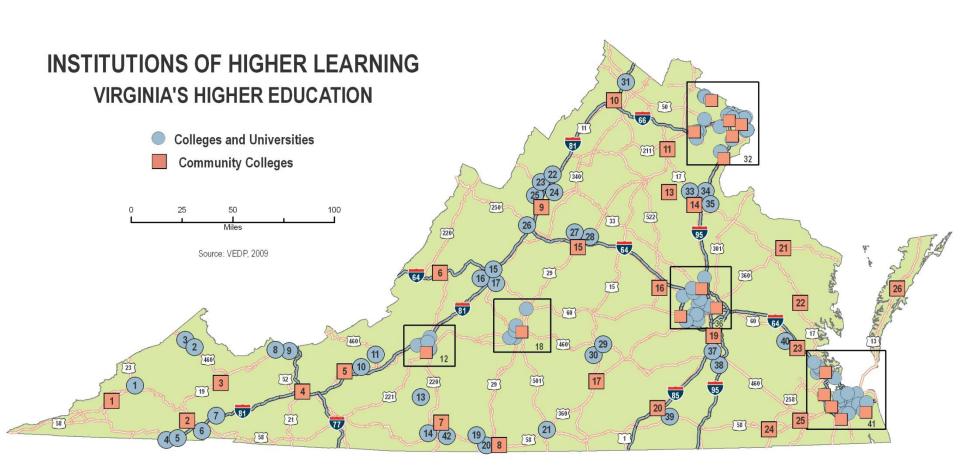
Incentives Appropriate for the Business Targets



# Virginia's Challenges Connecting Higher Education & Economic Development

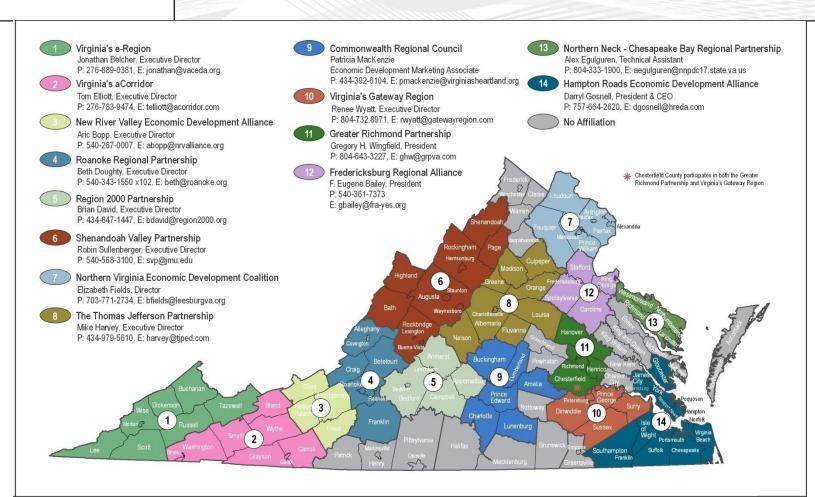


#### **HIGHER EDUCATION ASSETS**





#### REGIONAL MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS



#### REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MARKETING ORGANIZATIONS



Source: Virginia Economic Development Partnership 2009



### Benchmarking Virginia's **Innovation Foundations**

Summary Results Strength

Weakness Small business loans (\$)

Financial

Resources

**Patents** 

Human

Resources

Innovation

Resources

Innovation

**Economy** 

**Outcomes** 

VC investment (\$)

Academic R&D expenditures (\$)

Industrial R&D expenditures (\$)

Entrepreneurs

**Business Start-Ups** 

Exports (\$)

Academic R&D productivity

Advanced S&E degrees

R&D to GSP (\$ ratio)

SBIR awards (\$)

Labor force growth

Federal R&D performance (\$)

Tech Fast 500 companies

Real GSP growth

NAEP Science & Math Scores

S&E degrees

STTR awards (\$)



# Virginia's Current Higher Education & Economic Development Linkages



## Virginia's Higher Education/Economic Development Connectivity – State Level

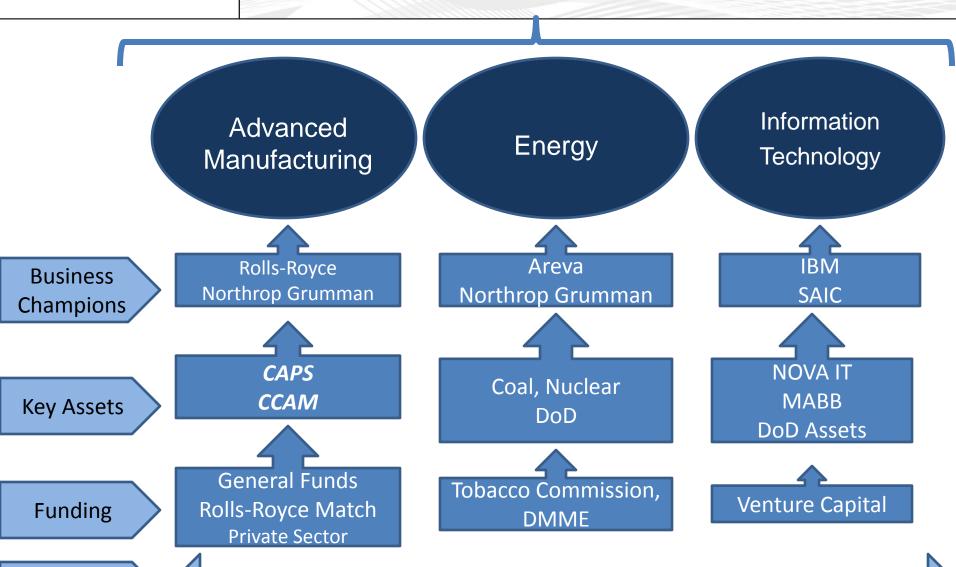
- VEDP Board of Directors
  - VCCS Chancellor as ex-officio member
- Commonwealth Graduate Engineering Program
  - VEDP Advisory Board Membership
- Commonwealth Center for Advanced Manufacturing
  - VEDP as Staff Support
- VCCS Career Pathways System Task Force
  - VEDP Planning Team Membership
- University Based Economic Development Team
  - VEDP Active Member
- Commonwealth Research Commercialization Fund
  - CIT/VEDP Collaboration



## Higher Education Linkage with Economic Development Strategies



#### VIRGINIA CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE



Stakeholders

Universities, Institutes, Private Research, Federal Research, Local Economic Developers



## Transaction Successes with Higher Education Partners





Megasite availability: 1,000 + acres





Publicly-controlled land zoned industrial

Proximity: to headquarters, transportation, & deep labor base

Flexibility and creativity in solving needs (higher education, workforce)

Existing strategic relationships (UVA & VEDP)

\$\$ 501.4 M

> Jobs 642



## Canon



Local/state collaboration and responsiveness

Credible, cost-effective
workforce training and R&D
connectivity with TNCC, ODU
W&M and CNU

Strong company/locality relationship (trust)

\$\$ \$600M

> Jobs 1000+



## Best Practices from Our Competitors



#### **Best Practices**

#### Enhancing Research Excellence at Universities

- ✓ Georgia Research Alliance
- ✓ University of Texas Eminent Scholars Program
- ✓ Ohio Third Frontier (Wright Mega-Centers)

#### Enhancing Collaboration Across Sectors/Disciplines

- ✓ NY Centers for Advanced Technology
- ✓ MD Industrial Partnerships Program
- ✓ NC Research Triangle

#### Enhancing Entrepreneurship and Access to Capital

- ✓ MD Venture Fund
- ✓ PA Ben Franklin Technology Partners



### Where Do We Go From Here?